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SUBJECT: MAJOR PROJECT: AIRPORT STUDIES (CUENCA)

REFS: (A) QUITO 2526 AND PREVIOUS, (B) STATE 103634, (C) QUITO 3180

1. RECENT LOCAL PRESS ITEM STATES THAT CIVIL AVIATION DIRECTORATE HAS QUOTE IN PRINCIPLE UNQUOTE ALREADY SELECTED SITE FOR THE NEW AIRPORT TO SERVE CITY OF CUENCA. SITE CHOSEN IS CALLED EL ROSARIO AND IS SITUATED IN THE PARISH OF PACCHA NORTHEAST OF CITY, RUNNING PARALLEL TO THE CUENCA RIVER AND AT A DISTANCE OF APPROXIMATELY 12 KILOMETERS FROM CUENCA.

2. SAME ARTICLE STATES THAT FOLLOWING SCHEDULE WILL BE ADHERED TO FOR FINAL CONSTRUCTION OF CUENCA AIRPORT: BY JUNE 13-QUALIFICATION OF FIRMS FOR DESIGN STUDY; AUGUST, 1975-STUDY CONTRACT SIGNED; DECEMBER, 1976-SUBMIT FINAL STUDY; JUNE, 1977-FINANCIAL STUDY FOR CONSTRUCTION AND LAND ACQUISITION BY DIRECTORATE; DECEMBER, 1977-CALL FOR BIDS ON CONSTRUCTION; DECEMBER, 1980-COMPLETION OF AIRPORT CONSTRUCTION.

3. COMMENT: WHEN QUESTIONED ABOUT THE ARTICLE'S ACCURACY, BOTH DIRECTORATE OFFICIAL FOR AIRPORT DEVELOPMENT AND ICAO AIRPORT ENGINEER ADVISOR STATES THAT THE EL ROSARIO SITE WAS ONLY A POSSIBILITY AND THAT THE FINAL SITE SELECTION WAS NOT RPT NOT YET UNCLASSIFIED

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DECIDED. CUENCA AIRPORT CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE IS CONSIDERED TO BE

FLEXIBLE AND POSSIBLY OPTIMISTIC BY THESE OFFICIALS.

4. SUGGEST THAT ABOVE BE PASSED TO FIRMS NOTED IN REFTELS B. AND C.  
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